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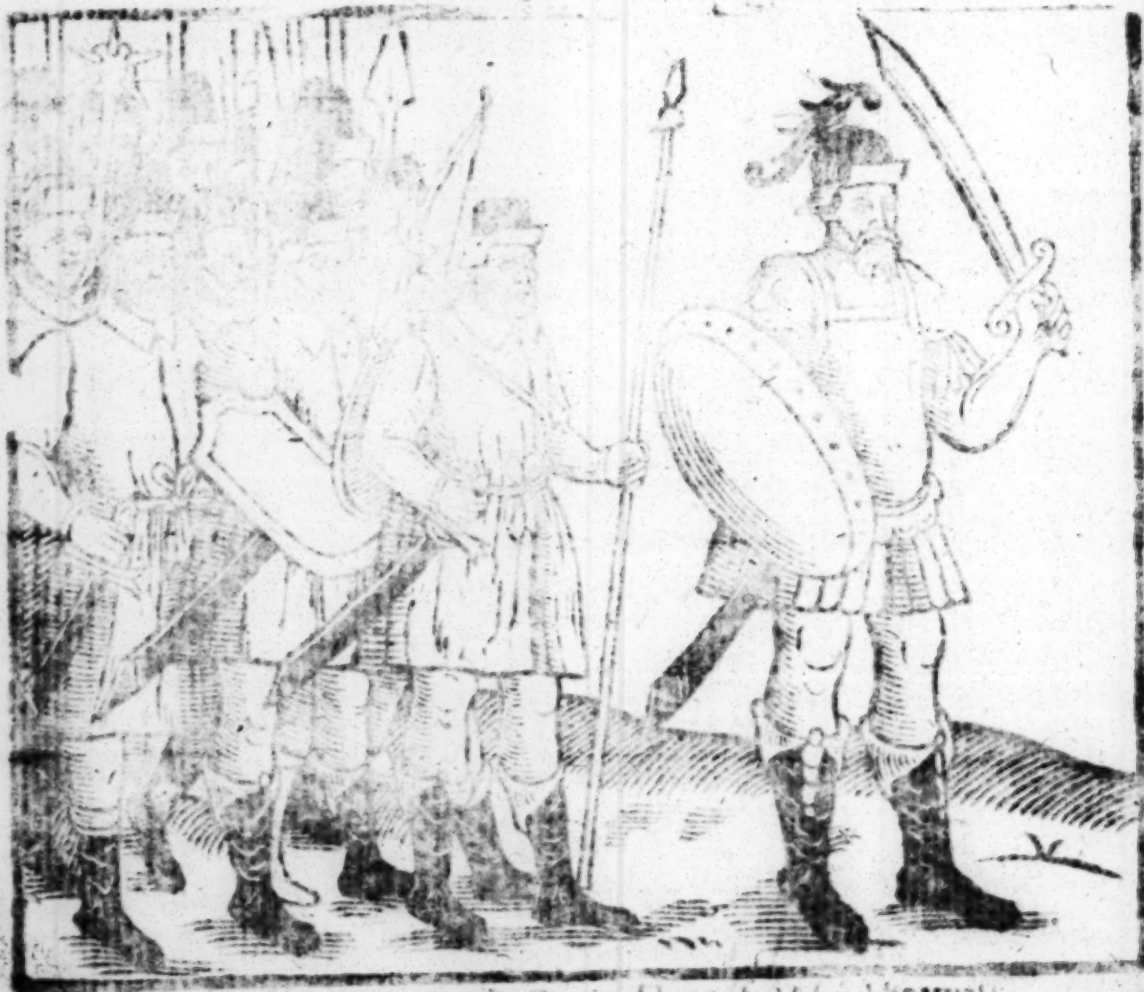
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**To the renowned**  
**Lord, Don Mathias de Rensie**  
**of Venice.**



After the particuler things allea-  
ged in my former writings vnto  
your Lordshippe, I thought it  
good and conuenient by this my  
Letter, to aduertise your Lord-  
ship, of certaine great, horrible,  
and fearefull things that hapned  
in this quarter.

Purposing to certifie your Lordship of the pompe  
and great triumph at the presenting of the Captaines  
of the Sea, vnto the great Turke: the miserie and vn-  
happines of the poore prisoners: the discorde & con-  
tention that came by the sonne of the Vice Roy of  
Naples, being prisoner: the threatnings made to the  
Christians: the receiuing of the Ambassadors of the  
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mocking one the other at their departing: the pre-  
sents giuen: the going of the great Turke a hunting,

At

and



and all other thinges written at large, as your Lord-  
ship shall vnderstand.

But now your Lordship shall vnderstand at thys  
time, the greatest, the most wenderfull, and most  
strange thing that euer was heard of. The which  
partly hath troubled the great Turke, and all the  
rest, that they haue left of all other affayres, to pro-  
uide for the perill and danger that at this time hang-  
eth ouer theyr heads.

**Your Lordships to vse,**  
**Signior Valesco.**



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**T**he newes are come that the king of Hungarie hath a great Army, which shall haue for his ayde the galleies of Buda, and of many other Princes of Christendome. And they say moreover, that the King of Bohemia will helpe therein, and that the most part of Christian Princes will come and ayde him in this enterprise against the Turke, except the Signorie of Venice, which meddeth nothing at all in it. These reporters of newes affirme, that there shall come aboue a hundred galleies, besides other Barks, ships, & hulkes without number, which is occasion that they hasten the warre the more. Notwithstanding, men esteeme not so much hereof, as of the war that is made beyond the Mountaines, as you shall vnderstand not without wondering at it. The Tarrars make friendes vpon the greater Sea, & haue made a league & friendship with the great Turke, requiring ayde, for they are molested with war by the great Emperoz of Moscouia, & Prince of Sagodie, of Pogore, of Smclengie, of Drossly, of Gazam, of Virgolosam, of Tartarie, of Cham, and of diuers other people and regions lying toward the South: they say that this Emperoz or Duke hath two Armies, and is called Iohn Dwaillio, a young man, of the age of xxliii. years, noble and ballant, and a Christian, after the institution of the Greckes, and presumeth that by reason of his blood, the Empire of Constantinople doth belong to him. And these two Armies are about a two hundred thousand horse.

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They were not wont in time past to be so strong, nor so feared of the Turkes, for they had not the use of artillarie in the warre: but nowe they haue meruailous great preparation in theyr warre. Hee hath in wages certaine Dutch Captaines, and about tenne thousand Musket gunners, and is meruailous well furnished with halquebuttes and artillery, and because men understand that hee hath so vanquishd the Tartarians, and brought the to such a state, that they cannot much more resist him, and that if the said Emperour should be matters with the Tartars, they should consequently be Rulers of the great sea, & the way should be open and easie for them to come, not onely to Constantinoble, but also to drive the Turke out of Europe: and because that the said great Turke is affraid of this enterprise and commotion of the Greeks: he hath concluded and determined, to send to the said Tartars a good assistance of fiftene thousand fighting men, and also for this purpose, hee hath sent to the sea ten Gallies to passe them ouer.

Men make mention and doubt of Mondaccio, which is a great Prince and Ruler, and able to make fourteene, or a hundred thousand horse: and yet men are vncertaine whose part he will take, because he is attributacie vnto the great Turke.

There is newes also from Affricke, that the King of Bugien, the King Triamece, the King of Tunis, the children of Serif the Lorde of Murochoy, and of Gran, with the Arabians & other, haue taken in hand to drive and expulse the Turke wholly out of Affricke, & to endamage him as much as they may. Men knowe not yet in what place they will war, but we shall knowe it shortly. The newes also is, that the Soffie is in Camp with a great Army,

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Arme, and hath the Medes to be his enemy, which border  
upon the Caspian sea, and of our neyghbour to the  
Fleecians, called at this day Colerians and Zecarians, with  
whom he hath made a league and peace. There are on  
his side also the Ibicans and Albans, and also the people  
of Melibar, which harbor upon the Indians, & likewise  
with the King of Bosphorus, all being people marua-  
lous swift and nimble. In this so mightie an host and  
arme, is also Balcer the sonne of the great Turke, by  
meanes whereof all in those parts is in great trouble,  
as well as here. It seemeth that the Janissaries bring  
him the lot of Turkie, as Baduger, Zermonta, Alepo, and  
all the Regions lying neere to the Somis revolted, all  
the which particularities shall be understood moze at  
large.

This newes is great, & hath made the great turke  
to smile enough upon it, but aboue all these meruelous  
and dreadfull newes which are hapned, there is yet  
chaunced another, which hath greatly feared & aba-  
shed all men, which although it seemeth to be incredi-  
ble, yet upon my credit it is most true, and that is, that  
a people heretofore unknown, mighty, swift, & marue-  
lous nimble, hath taken weapon in hand, to the disad-  
uantage and losse of the house of Ottoman. They say  
that Alexander the great did in times past drue beyond  
the mountaine Calbenine tribes and a halfe of the Ha-  
brewes which worshipped the Calfe & Serpent of gold  
and drave them away, that neuer since there was no  
newes of them, neither knew any man if they were in  
the worlde or not: because the Sea of sande, or the  
sandie sea, by a certaine inconuenience of sand Grauel  
or Berche, swelled and rose so high, that it utterly took  
from them the way into this our Region. But now by  
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the meane of the new Navigation that y<sup>e</sup> Hollanders haue made, they are arrived in their country, and haue espied out all their dopings: and after y<sup>e</sup> the saide Hollanders had instructed and taught them in the science and knowledge to artillery, and gun-powder for Hatquebulbes & dags, whereunto they are maruelous apt and ready, they are become in all things very perfit. After this they egged them forward to take weapon in hand, and passe the saide mountaine by Land. And because the sandy Sea did hinder their passage, it appeareth y<sup>e</sup> some Dutchman or Italian, which yet men knowe not, but notwithstanding some great Astrologian or Cosmographer taught them the way, making some hill plaine with fire, whereby they might easely passe, which is a thing of great wonder.

These people haue two mighty great armies, and infinite store of vittuals, by reason of the fruitfulness of their country, they are also well provided of all manner of preparation for war, and cunning in y<sup>e</sup> practise of their weapons. They say they will come & recover the land of Promise, towards the which the first army is already very nere, to the great terror and dread of every man which hath either seene or hearde of them. The spyres which haue bene sent out by the great turke to discry them, do affirme, that beside a hundred and two Armies, there followe an infinite number of people, as well foot-men as horse-men, and their first armie is already arrived vpon the limmits of Turkey, putting all to fire and sword. Their language is bastard Hebrew: & because men speake much of it herre, I will not forgette to speake also something thereof woorth to bee noted, and well understoode: The Hebrewes of Constantinople say, that they haue certaine propheties

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propheſies, among the which one maketh mention, that from the foure parts of the world, ſhall riſe a people, and come into Gog and Magog, and then ſhall appeare (as they perſwade themſelues) their Meſſias in might and power, and then they ſhall haue dominion and rule in the world, whereof they ſecretly reioyce, and are wonderous glad. They ſay moreover, that there is a prophecie grauen in a pillar ſet at Podromo which ſaith thus: A mighty Prince ſhall riſe, whoſe beginning ſhall be of ſmal reputation, who by his Iſſue ſhall war of ſuch force and ſtrength (with the helpe of God) that he ſhall bring to nothing, the empire and rule of Ottoman, and ſhall be the right poſſeſſor and inheritor of the Empire of Conſtantinople, & they beleue all that it ſhall be this Emperoz and duke of Muſconia, which is already in great eſtimation among the Greeks.

The Turkes haue a prophecie, which they ſing often and weepe bitterly the while, for it betokeneth and denounceth vnto them, their vtter ruine and deſtruction. And although it ſeeme ſtraunge, to ſay that the Turkes haue prophecies, it is no meruaile: for Balam was a falſe Prophet: the Sybilles alſo prophecied and were Pagans. For all theſe cauſes the great Turke hath forbidden wine, & will that all men goe ſiue times in a day to the Moſchea, and pray to GOD for theiꝝ helth and ſafetie. And ſo he prepareth three great armies, one againſt the Muſcouites, another againſt the Soffie, and the third for to goe againſt the Hebrewes of the Mountaines of Caſpij. Within theſe few days you ſhall haue other newes, wherefore thus making an end, I commend me vnto your good Lordſhip: from Rome, the firſt day of Iune, 1606. Your faithfull and truſty ſeruant, Signior Valeſco.

## *A Jewes prophesie.*

### *The description of the first Armie, conducted by Zoroam a Jew, Captaine generall of the Armies.*

**F**irst of all a Jew of verie great stature, of a fleshlie colour, more red then otherwise, with broad eyes, called Zoroam, is Captaine generall of all the Armies, hee leadeth vnder his Ensigne twelue thousand horse, and twenty thousand footmen. The horse-men are armed after a light sort, but very good Harnes, almost aftet our fashiou: they carrie Launces of longe Reedes, very hard and light, yet so sharpe pointed, that they passe thozow a thing with incredible lightnesse: they carry also shields oz targets of bone, and in steede of swords, they vse certaine Courtilaxes.

They are apparrelled with the colour of their Ensigne, and all clothed with silke: the foote-men carrie Pikes of the same sort, with Helmet and Habergin: their Ensigne is of blacke silke and blew, with a Dog following a Hart, oz Bucke, and a saying witten in it, which is in our language thus: Either quick or dead.

#### 2. Of the Armie of Don Phares.

**T**here is one called Phares, which is an Earle, yong and ballant, not regarding this present life: this man hath vnder his command fiftene hundred Horsemen armed lightly, onely on the fore-part and head-piece: yet this Armie is so well tempered and wrought, that it keepeth out a Launce and Harque-bush shot.

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This manner of arming themselves, is to the intent they may neuer turne their backe to runne away: they haue also fierce and light horses: they are eigh- teene thousand footemen, apparrelled with a kinde of sodden leather, made of the skinne of a certaine Beast, so that no pike nor Harquebussh can pearse it. These men are beastly people, and wil neuer flie for any thing, they are very obedient and subiect vnto cheir Prince, and their ordinary apparrel is Silke. The Ensigne that they beare, is a falcon pecking or billing with another Byrde, with a sentence that saith, Either thine or mine shall breake.

### 3 Of the Marquesse of Galair.

**T**here is a Marquesse of Galair called Goes, this man leadeth fifteen hundred men of armes, which be allexceeding well armed and stout, strong, and rebust men: their horses be moriskes, the greatest, the strongest, the fairest, and the best that be in the world: there are also seuentene thousand souldiours, very wel appointed with Launce and harquebussh: theyr Ensigne or armes is a redde field, with a maide clothed in greene, holding a Lion in her hand, with these words. I hope to subdue a greater thing.

### 4 Of the Duke of Falach.

**T**here is a Duke of Falach, called Obeth, who hath vnder his conduct xx. thousand footmen, armed with a certaine mettall like yron, but it is light and hard, they haue many good swords, launces, and other force, harquebusshes, and wislers: their Ensigne or armes, is a mermaid in a blacke field, and the deuise thus, My singing shall not cease vntill the end.

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The description of the Armie conducted by  
Captaine Nauifon:

**T**here is a captaine called Naunfon, which hath vnder him xx. thousand men, appointed and armed with the skin of a serpent, most hard & stiffe, they haue Axes, pollaxes, pikes, harquebusbes, and other kind of weapons: their Ensigne or armes, is a white snail in a blacke fiede, with a deuise about it, By litle and litle men go very farre.

Of the tribe of Simeon there is a Prince of Arsay, whose name is not yet known, but they say he is a deuil, great, grosse, & thicke beyond measure, with a flat nose, and both he and his men are of the stature of Giants: he leadeth with him xx. thousand footemen, almost all Alfers, which are also so swift & nimble, that they will take horses running: they make a meruailous noise, such as no people vse: their Ensigne is, an Eute in a blacke feld, and hane for their posye, Such is my gouernment.

6 Of the Duke of Barsalda.

**T**here is a Duke of Barsalda, and he is the conductes of xiii. thousand footmen, which are all Harquebusbers, & carry no fire matches, but strike it with a stone: they are apparrelled & armed with such a hard kinde of leather, and so enchaunted, that no yron weapon in the world is able to perse it thozow. They bee also very swift and light: their Ensigne or armes, is a dry tree in a blew fild, and their deuise thus, I hope to spread, and be greene againe.

7 Of the Armie of the Duke Pasill.

**T**here is a Duke of Pasill called Abia, he hath vnder his conduct a thousand footemen, very cruell, hauing all kind of weapons to push or pricke far off,  
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and to ſtrike night, but farre different from our ſ, they are very expert in artificiall fire, and make the greateſt and moſt dreadfull thinges with all y<sup>e</sup> a man can imagin: they do it either by arte or enchauntmen, ſo that it ſeemeth that it raigneth fire vpon their enemies, and yet notwithstanding hurteth not themſelues at all, by reaſon they are apparrelled with a certaine Serpents ſkin which preſerueth them. Their Enſigne is a Cat holding a Rat in her paw in a blacke ſielde, and their poſy thus, Euen ſo hapneth it to him that is not gouerned.

### 8 Of the Army conducted by the Earle of Albary.

**T**here is an Earle of Albary caled Orut, which hath vnder his gouernaunce a thouſand Horſe-men with Crolle-bowes, ſome of them weare certaine light armour of a kind of hard mettall, with Rappers and daggers after theyr manner, they fight alwayes running, and their horſes are ſo ſwift that it is wonderfull. This man alſo hath xx. thouſand horſes barbed with very fine leather. Some cary pikes and Partifans, & ſuch like weapons. Their Enſigne or armes is a man in chaines, in a ſield parted halfe with greene and Purple, and this deuife withall, My chaines ſhall bind another man.

### 9 Of the Marqueſſe of Vorio.

**T**here is a Marques of Vorio called Manaffes, who hath vnder his conduct xvii. thouſand footemen, Armed with a very hard & ſtrong leather, which men beleue to be enchaunted, becauſe that no weapon nor harquebuſh is able to perſe it thorowe, yet it is as



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light as Linneu cloth, and a thing very fayre to ſee to. Theſe now haue all ſorts of weapons that an Armie may haue: and they are diuided and ſet in a very faire, comely, and decent order: their Enſigne is an old man in a chariot, in a blacke ſielde, ſaying thus, After a long iourney I ſhall be happy.

*Caleb Shilock* his propheſie, for the  
yeere, 1607.

**B**E it knowne vnto all men, that in the yeare 1607. When as the Moone is in the Watrye ſigne, the world is like to bee in great danger: for a learned Jew, named Caleb Shilock, doth write that in the ſoſeſaid yeere, the Sun ſhall be couered with the Dragon in the morning, from ſiue of the clocke butill nine, and will appeare like fire: therefore it is not good that any man do behold the ſame, for by beholding thereof, hee may loſe his ſight.

Secondly, there ſhall come in the ſame yeare a meruailous great flood of water, to the great terroz and amazement of many people.

Thirde, there ſhall ariſe a meruailous great wind, and for feare thereof many people ſhall be conſumed or diſtraughted of their wits.

Fourthly the ſame yeare, about the month of May, will ariſe another wonderfull great flood, and ſo great as no man hath ſeene ſince Noyes flood, which will continue three daies, and three nightes, whereby many Citties and Townes which ſtandeth vppon Sandie ground will be in great danger.

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Fiftly, Infidels and Hereticks, through great feare and dread, will flye and gather together, and as much as in them lies, make war against Christian princes.

Sixtly, in the same yeare after the great waters be past, about the end of the yeere will be very great and fearefull Sickneses: so that many people are like to die by the infection of strange diseases.

Seauenthy, there will be throughout the worlde great trouble and contention about matters of Religion, and wonderful strange newes vnto all people, as concerning the same.

Eightly, the Turke with his God Mahomet shall bee in daunger to loose his Septer, through the great change and alteration in his Regiment, by reason of famine and warres, so that the most part of his people will rather seeke reliefe from the Christian, then from him.

Ninthlie, there will also arise great Earth-quakes, whereby diuers goodly buildings & high houses, are like to be ouerthrowne and ruinated.

Lastlie, there will be great remoouings of the earth in diuers places, so that for feare thereof, many people will be in a strange amazement and terror.

These punishments are prognosticated by this learned Jew, to fall vpon the whole worlde by reason of sinne, wherefore it behoueth all Christians to amende their euill liues, and to pray earnestly vnto G O D to with-hold these calamities from vs, and to conuert our harts wholly to him, whereby we may find fauour in our time of neede, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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